GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF DAP AND UREA
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the prices of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and urea have gone up during June and July;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government has received any complaint regarding black marketing of fertilizers;

(d) If so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current financial year; and

(e)The step taken by the Government to reduce the prices and check the black marketing of fertilisers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e) There is no change in the Maximum Retail Prices of DAP & urea since 12.03.2003. The present MRP of urea is Rs.4830 per MT and the indicative MRP of DAP is Rs.9350 per MT. Under Clause 21 of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, it is mandatory to print the MRP on the containers of all kinds of fertilizers. No person can charge the price higher than the printed on the bag. Any person violating the mandatory provisions of FCO is liable to be prosecuted for administrative / punitive action under provisions of FCO & ECA. The State Governments are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action against the offenders who indulge in any kind of malpractices.